

WITTON & RIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mr Amanda Sands

Parish Clerk: Denise Revell

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Witton and Ridlington Parish Council on 17th September 2025 at 7:00pm at Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Present: Richard Barker, Darren Mortimer, Gillian Owles, Amanda Sands (in the Chair),
William DeFeyter and Jane Simpson

Clerk: Denise Revell

Members of the Public: 7

1. **To receive Apologies for Absence.**

1.1 To consider and agree apologies for absence

All members present

2. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations**

2.1 To consider and agree declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Cllr Sands declared an interest in item 7.1 and was given a dispensation to speak

3. **Minutes of previous meetings**

3.1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the **16th July 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2025 were agreed and signed

4. **Chairman's Report**

The chairman reported that since she has taken over as chairman she had not attended any meetings on behalf of the council, but she will be attending the RWE meeting on the 25th September

5. **Public Participation Time**

The meeting will be adjourned for a period of 15 minutes) to allow Members of the Public to speak, to receive District and County Councillors reports and any Councillors with prejudicial interests to speak.

Note that only items on this Agenda are to be discussed – for any other item/ subject please contact the Clerk in writing for submission at a future meeting.

In attendance at the meeting were three representatives from the Bacton Gas Terminal Police. They explained that there had recently been a successful recruitment drive for new members of the force and that more visible patrols would be taking place in the area, which now included Mundesley and parts of Trunch. They will be still working closely with the Norfolk Police force and will be on call to help out with any local crimes.

A parishioner spoke about the planning application NP2/25/0567, they said that they were not originally aware of the planning application as it was attached to a Vattenfall post, and they thought it was connected with them. The planning notice was not up for the correct amount of time, the Parish had not been consulted as it was deemed to be in the parish of Honing, even though the closest houses to the development were in Witton and the people that would be most affected were also Witton residents. A discussion that followed, involving several parishioners, highlighted concerns that the road at the entrance to the development floods regularly, the road is not suitable for large vehicles, there are no passing places for vehicles to pass each other and reversing out on to a busy road would be unsafe,

the site entrance is on a blind bend and further concerns were raised about the ability of large vehicles being able to safely turn off of the tiny road in to the site, verges and ditches being destroyed by larger vehicles
Cllr Sands explained the situation regarding the planning application and said that the proposed site had been put forward by the planning department. The land owner would only be using the barn to store machinery and grain and it would be hoped that there would not be too many vehicles using the site at any one time, however this would slightly increase during harvesting.

6. Matters arising from previous meetings

To report on progress on items from previous meetings. No decisions may be taken

6.1 Repairs to the Telephone box - Witton Bridge - Completed

6.2 Water Leak, Chapel Road/Plough Corner - Completed

6.3 Broken Sign Post, Hoolehouse Road - Repaired

6.4 Broken 30mph sign, The Street, Ridlington

6.5 Pot Holes - Repairs being undertaken - repairs completed

7. Planning

To consider and agree responses to planning applications and receive updates

7.1 To discuss and agree actions NP/25/0567 Land South Of Pumping Station

Hoolehouse Road Witton Norfolk

The council agreed that they would send the residents comments to the planning department

8. Finance

8.1 To consider and agree bank reconciliation of accounts

The council agreed the bank reconciliation of accounts

8.2 To receive the budget update

The budget update was noted

8.3 To consider and agree Payments and Receipts

The following payments were made

Payments			
Date	Payable to	Description	Amount
17.09.2025	NALC	Subscription	£148.56
22.05.2025	Witton Parochial Council	Donation	£250.00
21.07.2025	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defib Insurance	£151.20
15.07.2025	D Revell	Salary	£195.09
30.06.2025	Countrystyle Recycling	Recycling	£12.00
15.08.2025	D Revell	Salary	£192.26
Receipts			
Date	Payable to	Description	Amount

9. Policies, Documents, Communications and Training

None

The amended Press and Media Policy, with council's amendments which were agreed at the last meeting was signed

10. Events

10.1 Litter Pick

The revised date of the next Litter Picks will be the 23rd November 2025 as the 9th November is Remembrance Sunday, the date for the March Litter Pick remains the same, 8th March 2026

11. To report any other business

Note that this is to report matters for inclusion in a future agenda or matters which require no decision to be made by the Council

Parishioners' requests for a Litter Bin were discussed, it was agreed to install a litter bin along the route that walkers take from the Church into Witton.

Two proposed sites were suggested and the Clerk would obtain highways permission to place a litter bin at one of the sites. County Councillor Lucy Shires would be asked if she could pay for bins out of her members budget.

There have been reports that there have been instances of Fly Tipping after a contractor had been employed at a house in Witton, the contractor was seen to drive with the rubbish and deposit it at the side of the road. Residents were reminded to be careful when employing contractors and to make sure they hold the correct licences to dispose of waste materials.

12. Correspondence

To consider any correspondence and agree responses thereto

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council - 12th November 2025

Meeting Closed: 20.15